

## Stephanie Kost

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**From:** Lawrence Spector [lspector@nai.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 1:59 PM  
**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
**Subject:** I Oppose a Broadcast Flag Mandate for Digital Television

October 28, 2003

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Amit Belani [amitb18@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 1:54 PM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
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Clinton, MA 01510  
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Sincerely,

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**From:** John Ronciak [ronch@ronch.org]  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 11:31 AM  
**To:** Michael Copps  
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**From:** Derek Slater [slater@fas.harvard.edu]  
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I would like to remind the FCC that, in previous rulings, it has already provided ample arguments against mandating a broadcast flag. As the FCC noted earlier this year in its cross-ownership rulemaking, over the air TV is now only one small component of a media market that includes print, radio, cable, and the Internet. By mandating a broadcast flag, you let one small market control the design of each and every technology that could touch digital video. Indeed, the flag will extend to every person's PC video hardware.

Moreover, the FCC has begun to investigate whether to pursue more spectrum auctions or to create a open spectrum "commons." Those future licensees, who could use the spectrum for digital TV, have not been included in this process. Until the FCC knows how it will alter its spectrum policies, it would be unwise to let incumbents determine what the airwaves need.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Scott Quick [speakerman@rocketmail.com]  
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As a computer professional, I believe that this flag would do nothing to eliminate piracy and would only make it more difficult for paying American consumers to exercise their fair use rights.

Consider the region-encoding already on DVDs sold by the major movie studios. Outside the USA, DVD players which ignore the region encoding are readily available, and region encoding is useless. Therefore, I can only conclude that region encoding's primary purpose is to frustrate American consumers and prevent them from watching foreign films which may never be released in the USA.

I firmly believe that this broadcast flag will be just as useless and just as frustrating as DVD region encoding. Piracy will exist no matter what action the FCC takes on this issue. Real pirates will easily disable the flag on their equipment.

I urge you to protect my right to fair use of materials, and send a strong message to the movie studios that they should stop meddling in the rights of American consumers. Electronics products should primarily do what **\*\*I\*\*** want them to do and protect **\*\*MY\*\*** interests. If the equipment instead decides to look over my shoulder, and tell me what I can and can't do, then I'll stop buying.

Please reject the broadcast flag.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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New York, NY 10025  
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**From:** David Chubb [dchubb@eudoramail.com]  
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**From:** Leon Stone [Hilarion\_53@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 28, 2003 10:49 AM  
**To:** KAQuinn  
**Subject:** I Oppose a Broadcast Flag Mandate for Digital Television

October 28, 2003

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Kathleen Abernathy,

I am writing to voice my opposition to any FCC-mandated adoption of "broadcast flag" technology for digital television. As a consumer and citizen, I feel strongly that such a policy would be bad for innovation, consumer rights, and the ultimate adoption of DTV.

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If the FCC issues a broadcast flag mandate, I would actually be less likely to make an investment in DTV-capable receivers and other equipment. I will not pay more for devices that limit my rights at the behest of Hollywood. Please do not mandate broadcast flag technology for digital television. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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**To:** Commissioner Adelstein  
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